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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) A content information acquisition method for allowing a second information terminal to acquire same information as content information acquired ~~from a Web server~~ by a first information terminal ~~having a customer browser installed therein which displays the content information~~, comprising the steps of:

(a) interconnecting the first information terminal with a collaboration server for communication receiving information from a Web server;

(b) interconnecting the second information terminal with the said collaboration server for communication;

(c) embedding a client controller into content information, wherein said client controller transmits for transmitting changed content specifying information to the said collaboration server when the first information terminal acquires new content information from the Web server via the collaboration server;

(d) transmitting the changed content specifying information to the said collaboration server when the first information terminal acquires the new content information from the Web server via the collaboration server;

(e) causing the said collaboration server to transmit the changed content specifying information to the second information terminal; and

(f) causing the second information terminal to acquire the changed content specifying information;

wherein said client controller contains (1) a Java applet that detects a change in content information displayed by the customer browser, (2) a script, called by said Java applet, which acquires changed page information including a URL of a first page including the changed content information, a URL of a parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page, and (3) a tree manager which transmits the changed page information to the collaboration server;

wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A software product for supporting a second information terminal in acquiring the same information as content information acquired by a first information terminal from a Web server, the first information terminal having a first browser installed therein which displays the content information, the software product comprising:

(a) a program code for instructing the collaboration server to embed a client controller which transmits changed contents specifying information to the collaboration server, when the first information terminal connected to the collaboration server acquires new content information from the Web server via the collaboration server; and

(b) a program code for instructing the collaboration server to transfer the changed contents specifying information transmitted from the first information terminal to the second information terminal;

wherein said client controller contains (1) a Java applet which detects a change in content information displayed by the first terminal, (2) a script, called by said Java applet, which acquires changed page information including a URL of a first page including the changed content information, a URL of a parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page, and (3) a tree manager that transmits said changed page information to said collaboration server;

wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A collaboration system which supports a second information terminal in acquiring the same information as content information acquired from a Web server by a first information terminal having a first browser installed therein which displays the content information, comprising:

a server configured to provide a connection to the first browser and to a second browser on the second information terminal and to provide web access to said first browser and to said second browser, said server including

(a) a cache manager for embedding a client controller into content information acquired from the web, which transmits said client controller configured to provide changed contents specifying information to the said collaboration server, when the first browser information terminal connected to the collaboration server acquires new content information from the Web server via the collaboration server; and

(b) a session manager for transmitting the changed contents specifying information transmitted from the first information terminal browser to the second information terminal browser in response to detection of a change in the content information by an applet, the content information being displayed by the first browser,

wherein said client controller consists of (1) a Java applet which detects a change in content information displayed by the customer browser, (2) a script, called by said Java applet, which acquires said changed contents specifying information including a URL of a first page including the changed content information, a URL of a parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page, and (3) a tree manager which transmits said changed contents specifying information to the collaboration server;

wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

8. (New) The collaboration system of claim 7, wherein said tree manager checks whether or not changed page information received from said server differs from a page that is currently displayed and instructs the browser to display said changed page information when said changed page information differs from said page that is currently displayed.

9. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein said tree manager checks whether or not changed page information received from said collaboration server differs from a page that is currently displayed and instructs the customer browser to display said changed page information when said changed page information differs from said page that is currently displayed.

10. (New) The software product of claim 4, wherein said tree manager further checks whether or not changed page information transmitted from said collaboration server corresponds to a page that is currently displayed by the customer browser and instructs the customer browser to display a page corresponding to the changed page information when said changed page information and said page currently displayed differ.

11. (New) A method of providing collaboration between two computers, comprising the steps of:

- establishing a connection between a first browser and a collaboration server and between a second browser and said collaboration server;

- sending respective Java applets to said first browser and to said second browser to detect a change in content information displayed by a respective one of said first browser and said second browser and ;

- when a change in content information is detected in one of said first browser and said second browser, calling a respective script from said respective Java applet, said script acquiring changed page information that includes a partial tree structure; and

- transmitting said changed page information to said collaboration server;

- wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said partial tree structure includes a URL of a first page that includes the changed content information, a URL of a parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of receiving, in said collaboration server, said changed page information from a first one of said first browser and said second browser and sending said changed page information to the other one of said first browser and said second browser.

14. (New) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of receiving said changed page information in said other one of said first browser and said second browser and if said changed page information does not corresponds to a page that is currently displayed by said other one, causing said changed page information to be displayed by said other one.

15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said step of establishing a connection comprises receiving personal information from a user of said first browser and from a user of said second browser.

16. (New) A collaboration server, comprising:

a processor connected to the Internet and configured to be connected to a plurality of browsers;

a memory accessible by said processor and containing a first Java applet, a script, and a tree manager, wherein said first Java applet detects changes to content displayed by a browser and calls said script, wherein said script acquires changed page information which includes a partial tree structure, wherein said tree manager causes said changed page information to be sent to said collaboration server;

wherein said collaboration server is configured to send a copy of said first Java applet, said script, and said tree manager to a first browser and a second browser desiring collaboration;

wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

17. (New) The collaboration server of claim 16, wherein said partial tree structure includes a URL of a first page that includes changed content information, a URL of a

parent page of said first page, the number of child pages of said parent page, and a position of said first page relative to said parent page.

18. (New) The collaboration server of claim 16, wherein said collaboration server is further configured to receive changed page information from said first browser and to forward said changed page information to said second browser.

19. (New) A collaboration system, comprising:

- a plurality of browsers that are Java enabled;

- a collaboration server connected to be connected to ones of said plurality of browsers; and

- a set of instructions stored on a memory connected to said collaboration server, said set of instructions including a first Java applet, a script, and a tree manager, wherein said first Java applet detects changes to content displayed by a browser running said first Java applet and calls said script, wherein said script acquires changed page information which includes a partial tree structure, wherein said tree manager causes said changed page information to be sent to said collaboration server;

- wherein said collaboration server is configured to receive a login from a first browser and a second browser of said plurality of browsers and to facilitate collaboration between said first browser and said second browser;

- wherein said collaboration server sends a copy of said first Java applet, said script, and said tree manager to said first browser and to said second browser after login;

- wherein the ability to provide collaboration does not depend on a proprietary interface running on said first information terminal or on said second information terminal.

20. (New) The collaboration system of claim 19, wherein said collaboration server is further configured to receive a changed page information from a first one of said first browser and said second browser and to forward said changed page information to the other one of said first browser and said second browser.

21. (New) The collaboration system of claim 19, wherein said collaboration server is configured to facilitate collaboration between three or more browsers.

22. (New) The collaboration system of claim 19, wherein said tree manager further checks changed page information received from said collaboration server and if said changed page information received from said collaboration server is different from a page that is currently displayed by a respective browser, said tree manager instructs said respective browser to display said changed page information.